

Meeting Minutes

Utah State Privatization Policy Board

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 450 Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendees

Randy Simmons, Curtis McCarthy, Jim Kesler, Senator Mayne, Gary Nielson, Senator Stephenson, Diana Harvey, Sherrie Hayashi, Kent Beers, Kerry Casaday, Robin Riggs

Excused

Steve Densley, Kim Jones, Manuel Torres

Visitors

Representative Ryan Wilcox, Representative Johnny Anderson

Welcome and Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Randy Simmons, Chair conducted the meeting.

Representative Ryan Wilcox re Privatization of State Liquor Sales

- Representative Ryan Wilcox gave an overview of a proposal to privatize the retail function of the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control by converting state run stores into package agencies. He stated that the proposal is not finished yet and that he was at the Privatization Policy Board meeting to get ideas to move the proposal forward. Representative Wilcox fielded questions from the board in reference to consumption issues, package agency compensation and the proposal's intent to maintain control over the operational functions of the package agencies. Representative Wilcox maintained that the proposal is not yet final and the questions from the Board were questions that are currently being evaluated to loosen the restrictions that are currently in place for package agencies.
- Senator Stephenson made a motion to draft a letter to the legislature to lend discussion to the privatization process. Senator Mayne spoke to make sure that though this motion should go forward the letter should state that not all of the members had the same opinion on the matter. Senator Stephenson's motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

Approval of Minutes

- Jim Kesler moved to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2011 meeting and Curtis McCarthy seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Review and vote on State Agency Services by Chris Bruhn

- Chris stated that he thought the best way forward was to start voting on the services that have been reviewed by the Board so that those services could be passed on to the legislature for further consideration. He provided a list of the services that the Board had previously gone over and suggested that the Board vote whether or not those services were "commercial" "inherently governmental" or "already privatized".
- Chris passed out a spreadsheet that had the agencies services listed.
- The Board discussed the services in question and decided that they would like a more detailed and broken down list of the services to more accurately display what they thought was a commercial activity.

- Randy Simmons made a motion to have Chris and Kent Beers review the services and make a more detailed list of services to vote on. Robin Riggs made a substitute motion, seconded by Kerry, to have the Chairman appoint two or three members of the Board to assist Chris and Kent in this process. Robin's motion was passed unanimously.

Representative Johnny Anderson re concerns with state competition with Child Care Providers.

- Representative Johnny Anderson gave an overview of how some school districts and public facilities are providing child care services on their premises. He discussed how this is unfair because public centers don't have to pay the same costs or meet certain criteria that private child care providers have to deal with. He discussed that there should be a process in place where public child care providing should only take place in areas where those services are not available or provided by private providers.
- Gary Neilson was tasked with putting together a letter for the Board to pass on to the legislature.
- Curtis McCarthy, Robin Riggs, and Kerry Casady volunteered to help with the services list that Chris and Kent had been tasked to complete.

Review and approve letter to Government Operations regarding contracting management for state parks, selling state golf courses, and privatizing retail and/or wholesale of state liquor sales.

- Randy asked the Board if the letter was satisfactory and Jim motioned to approve the letter and Kerry Casady seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Establishing Agenda for the Rest of the Year

- Look at the list of the interim topics to establish further discussion and guest speakers for future meetings.

Kerry Casady motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gary Neilson.

Next Meeting

May 25, 2011 at 10:00 in Room 450 of the State Capitol